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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA CLERK OF MENDOCINO COUNTY
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MENDOCINO SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

GENERAL IMPLEMENTATION ORDER OF JANUARY 6, 2021 RE
EMERGENCY RELIEF AUTHORIZED BY GOVERNMENT
CODE §68115 AND BY CHAIR OF JUDICIAL COUNCIL
SUSPENDING ALL JURY TRIALS DURING SPECIFIED DATES

Due to the unprecedented increase in positive cases of COVID-19 in this county and elsewhere, the daily positivity rate within Mendocino County, the widespread infection rate currently affecting all inmates and staff at the Mendocino County jail and Governor Gavin Newsom's Regional Stay-At-Home Order that became effective on December 5, 2020, the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino, on January 4, 2021 again sought emergency relief from Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye from various statutory deadlines involving jury trials. This relief is sought to reduce the public safety risk arising from convening large venire panels and conducting jury selection in physical circumstances that may increase the risk to potential jurors, court staff, lawyers, spectators and other individuals involved in such proceedings to contracting COVID-19. Due to the physical limitations of both courthouses, the risk to public safety exists in both branches of the Mendocino County Superior Court.

Exercising the authority granted under Government Code section 68115 and the Request for Judicial Emergency Order approved on January 6, 2021 by Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chair of the Judicial Council of California, Presiding Judge Ann Moorman ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

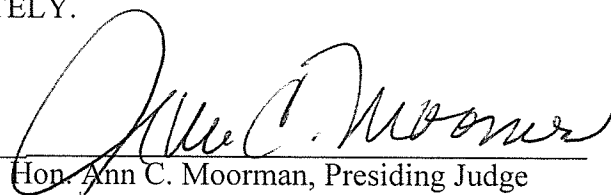
Any judge of the Mendocino County Superior Court may extend the time period provided in section 1382 of the Penal Code for the holding of a criminal trial by not more than thirty (30) days in cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire on and between January 11, 2021 to and including February 11, 2021, inclusive. (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(10).) This Order is to be read and interpreted in conjunction with the Order of the Presiding Judge of December 4, 2020 granting identical powers for the time period commencing December 7, 2020 to and including January 8, 2021;

All other jury trials scheduled to commence on or between January 11, 2021 and February 11, 2021 are hereby vacated and shall be re-set by the assigned department or any judicial officer.

This Order is based on a finding of good cause arising out the current State of Emergency declared in March 2020 and the underlying public health Crisis and the above recitations. This Order will facilitate the Court's goal and that of our state and county of eliminating the need to gather large numbers of people in enclosed spaces that jury trials necessarily require.

THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

Dated: January 6, 2021


Hon. Ann C. Moorman, Presiding Judge